

**Alabama Athlete Agents Commission  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting Minutes  
The Alabama State House  
11 S. Union Street-Suite 617  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130**

**December 7, 2021**

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Santiago Pinzon.

The invocation was given by Gerald Allen.

All Commission members and visitors signed and acknowledged attendance.

Commission members present at the meeting are as follows:

Commissioner Todd Vardaman	University of North Alabama
Commissioner Santiago Pinzon	Troy University
Commissioner Nicholas Brown	Tuskegee University
Commissioner Richard Greene	Auburn University
Commissioner Gerald Allen	Member, Alabama Senate
Commissioner Greg Bonds	Jacksonville State University
Commissioner Alvin Briggs	Alabama High School Athletic Association
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman	Alabama State University
Commissioner John H. Merrill	Alabama Secretary of State
Commissioner Barbara Palmer	Miles College
Commissioner Chris Blackshear	Member, Alabama House of Representatives

Others in attendance are as follows:

Ms. Shemekwa Farrow	Administrative Analyst II, Office of the Secretary of State
Mr. Hugh R. Evans, III	Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Mrs. Sarah Telofski	Assistant Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Mrs. Shenika S. Thomas	Asst. Director-Government Support, Office of the Secretary of State
Mr. Cameron Mixon	Press Secretary, Office of the Secretary of State

Commission members not in attendance are as follows:

Commissioner Jared White	Governor's Office
Commissioner Mike Jones	University of West Alabama
Commissioner Tiffini Grimes	University of Alabama
Commissioner Earl Robinson	Alabama A&M University
Commissioner Chris Moore	University of South Alabama
Commissioner David Derringer	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Commissioner Julie Woltjen	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Commissioner Dawn Makofski	University of Montevallo

The minutes of the July 1, 2021 regular meeting (3rd Quarterly Meeting) was reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Senator Allen to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2021 regular meeting (3rd Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by Rep. Chris Blackshear. MOTION PASSED.

Shemekwa Farrow presented the finance report discussing the 2021 Fiscal year financials. A motion was made by Secretary Merrill to accept the financial report and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon called for the appointment of Terrence Collins to the Alabama Athletic Commission. The motion was made by Secretary Merrill and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon discussed with the Commission allowing the Secretary of State-Government Support Division the ability to set the dates for future meetings. The SOS office will outline the dates for the upcoming 2022 calendar year and notify the Commission. A motion was made by Secretary Merrill and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon discussed with the Commission and Chief Legal Counsel, Hugh Evans, creating a NIL check box on the applications to differentiate. Mr. Evans stated that this would be something that the Secretary of State's office would further investigate and adjust the layout of the application to include a check box.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission to review the new applications. A motion was made to accept all new applicants with the exception of Usama Mirza by Secretary Merrill and seconded by Alvin Briggs. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Usama Mirza's application again until the 1st quarterly meeting at which time Mr. Mirza will provide updates as to his acceptance into the California State Bar. The motion was made by Richard Greene and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commissioners to review the renewing agent's application. Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for renewal applications and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Secretary Merrill and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon informed the Commission that all members would need to complete the 2022 Board Member Training offered through the Alabama Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts when it is made available.

Hugh Evans, III, Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State office, advised the members of the status or any action on the part of the Alabama Collegiate Athletic Commission. Mr. Evans further discussed that the Alabama Collegiate Athletic Commission will have the authority to administer the rules and procedures for enforcing NIL laws and regulations. Mr. Evans provided an update after speaking to the Attorney General's office regarding the Alabama Collegiate

Athletic Commission. Senator Allen briefly discussed legislation as it pertains to collegiate athletics in Congress.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Secretary Merrill and seconded by Richard Greene. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. MOTION PASSED.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by:  
Shemekwa Farrow

State of Alabama  
County of Autauga

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Shenika Thomas, WITNESSED March 2, 2022